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Remarks

Claims 1-5, 7 and 10-17 are canceled. Claims 6 and 18 were previously withdrawn from consideration. New claims 22-29 are added. Claims 20-28 are dependent from claim 19. Claim 29 is dependent from claim 8. No new matter is added in the claims 22-29. Support for the new claims 22-29 can be found throughout the specification.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 8 and 19-21. Claims 8 and 19-21 define patentable subject matter and thus, all the claims depended directly or indirectly from claims 8 and 19 are also define patentable subject matter. Applicants respectfully assert that all of the claims 8, 9, 19, 20-29 are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance.

2. Interview Acknowledgment

Applicants thank Examiner Vivian Chan for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephonic interview on June 27, 2006. During the interview, independent claims 1, 2, 8, 11, and 19 and the dependent claims therefrom were discussed. The Applicants agree with the Examiner's position on the allowable subject matter in claims 8 and 19-21 and consider filing a continuation application to allow further prosecution of the non-allowed claims.

3. Claims Objections

Claims 2 and 11 are canceled. The Objections of these claims are now moot.

4. Claims rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 2-5, 9, 11-17 are canceled. The rejections of these claims are now moot.

5. Claims rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1, 11-12, and 15-17 are canceled. The rejections of these claims are now moot.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and the above remarks, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions and the attending to of which would expedite such action, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

One month extension of time is believed to be required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any over payment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0525.

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